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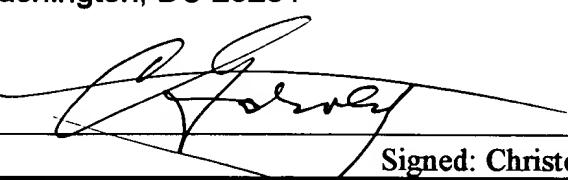
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### Preliminary Amendment

This responds to a *Formalities Letter* of 11/5/01. A response is due 1/7/01. In response to the *Notice to File Missing Parts of the Non-provisional Application, Filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b)*, in which the filing date was granted, we hereby submit the following Preliminary Amendment.

**Enclosures:**

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4 sheets of *Formal Drawings*, Figs. 1-6;

1 copy of the *Notice to File Missing Parts*

*Application* pages 11-18

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Please amend the application as follows:



epoxy-coated cables, generally designated 612, can also be protected by a sacrificial coating such as zinc 614 in addition to the epoxy filling and or covering.

Another aspect of this invention is to use abrasive material 620 on the outside of the jacket 610. This is to reduce the necessary development length of the cable so that it doesn't pull out of the wall or footing in the event of an earthquake.

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